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DIELECTRIC MIRRORS AND SELF-ALIGNED GAIN GUIDE

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed September 5, 2002, please amend this application as indicated herein.

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 26 and ending at page 4, line 27 with the following paragraph:

--FIGs. 3 through 11 illustrate a fabrication method and resulting device in accordance with one aspect of the invention.--

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 4, 13, 15, 16, 18, 28, and 32 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of fabricating a laser, said method comprising the steps of:
- (a) depositing a photoresist on epitaxially grown layers;
 - (b) patterning said photoresist to form an aperture area;

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